AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method for determining the presence or absence of antigen in a sample, comprising the following steps:

(a) providing a lateral flow immunochromatographic device comprising a sample receiving region of porous material in liquid flow contact with a separate detection region of porous material,

wherein said detection region comprises a mobile labeling reagent at a discrete labeling situs and an immobilized capture reagent at a discrete capture situs; and wherein said labeling reagent is a detectable label coupled to a binder which binds to said antigen to form a labeled complex and said capture reagent binds to said antigen or to said labeled complex;

(b) providing an assay chamber which is separate from the lateral flow immunochromatographic device;

(c) extracting said antigen from said sample with a liquid extraction solution comprising an extraction reagent in said assay chamber, wherein said extraction reagent is added to the assay chamber, ~~to form a liquid extract~~ to form a liquid extract;

(d) inserting said sample receiving region of said lateral flow immunochromatographic device into said assay chamber and contacting said liquid extract whereby said liquid extract flows through said labeling situs and then through said capture situs, without further addition of reagents or manipulation of said sample; and

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Listing of claims:

Claims 1-22 (cancelled).

23 (currently amended): A method of testing blood for reaction to a substance comprising the steps of:

- selecting a cryopreserved unit dose comprising a blood product including viable cells and a cryopreservative from among a plurality of identical cryopreserved unit doses obtained from a single or pooled sample of blood taken from a human or animal;
- thawing the cryopreserved unit dose;
- contacting the thawed, cryopreserved unit dose with the substance; and
- determining, by biological, physical, chemical, or physicochemical means, whether the viable cells in the unit dose ~~reacts~~ react with the substance in an immunofunctional, toxic, or modulatory blood reaction.

24 (previously presented): The method of claim 23 wherein the blood product is leukocytes.